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Peking Govt Has Plan To Co-ordinate State Trade

Sun Francisco, Mar. 15.—The Communist Ministry of Trade in China has been made the responsible and chief organ for controlling State, co-operative trade and directing private trade throughout the areas under the control of Mao Tse-tung's Government, Peking Radio reported tonight.

This was a "new decision on the co-ordination of State trade" taken by the Government Administration Council in Peking, the Radio said.

The purpose of this latest decision was given as: (1) To ensure the fulfilment of the Government's import and export plan; (2) To regulate the home market and the supply and demand of goods throughout Communist China so as to promote the swift rehabilitation and development of production.

SIX COMPANIES
The Ministry of Trade will set up six special State-operated companies. These will deal in foodstuffs, cotton cloth and yarn, salt, coal, local products and miscellaneous goods. Branches of these companies will be established in all major Chinese cities to regulate the supply of essential goods to the populace.

Six other trading concerns have been or are being established. These deal in bristles, local products for export, furs and oils, imported goods, tea and mining products.

All these State concerns will handle China's import and export trade. The Ministry of Trade will regulate their capital and stock. The Ministry will also determine the wholesale prices of essential commodities in the major cities, the Radio further reported.

Birds Cause Fatal Accident
New York, Mar. 15.—A United States Army helicopter collision with a flock of birds and an Air Force fighter plane's crash into a restaurant killed two people and injured 17 in different parts of the United States today.

In Texas, two men died when the helicopter crashed and burned after breaking off one of its main rotor blades in its encounter with the birds.

In Las Vegas, Nevada, a Mustang fighter plane ploughed into a restaurant at the Air Force base there, injuring 17 people.—Reuter.

BOAC Freight Charges To Be Increased

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Mar. 15.—The British Overseas Airways Corporation will increase its freight charges from Britain to Hongkong by two shillings per kilo from March 22.

This is in line with the decision taken at a meeting of the International Airways Transport Authority in Mexico recently.

Air freight charges will be put up by all air lines operating to countries in the Sterling Area. Freight charges to countries in hard currency areas are going down. The difference will be approximately 10 percent each way.

Men Create Panic In Cinema

London, Mar. 15.—Two Londoners were committed for trial here today on charges of creating panic in a crowded West End cinema by releasing smoke bombs and fireworks during the showing of the Palestine war film "Sword In The Desert" last month.

The film, made in Hollywood, with Dana Andrews as the star, told about fighting in Palestine between Jews and Britons before Israel gained statehood. Even before its first public showing here it had aroused some public protest because of an allegedly anti-British bias and the London County Council ordered its withdrawal after the smoke bomb incident because it thought it was "a grave risk of loss of life" if public showings continued.

In London's Bow Street Court today John Cook and Bertram Pitt were sent for trial by jury on charges of "effecting a public mischief by releasing a quantity of sparks and smoke liable to cause panic and serious bodily harm".

They pleaded "Not Guilty." Both men were allowed bail while awaiting trial at the Central Criminal Court—the Old Bailey.—Reuter.

BIG GRASS FIRE
For two hours yesterday evening, Hongkong firemen fought a grass fire near the Midland Hospital, The Peak.

Over 10,000 square feet of scrubby was burned before the firemen extinguished the blaze with sticks.

Those 71 Chinese Planes At Kai Tak Govt. Refuses To Send Probing Commission Here

SPOKESMAN EXPLAINS LEGAL JUDGMENT

London, Mar. 15.—The British Government rejected a proposal in the House of Commons today to send a Commission to Hongkong to probe the handing over of 71 former Chinese Nationalist aircraft to the Chinese Communists.

Air Commodore Arthur Harvey (Conservative) urged this move "rather than leave the matter in the hands of the local court of Hongkong."

Mr John Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, replied that the Colonial Office had every confidence in the local court and did not consider a Commission of Inquiry necessary.

Air Commodore Harvey said that he was dissatisfied with this answer and that he would raise the matter again.

The planes have been grounded in Hongkong since their crews went over to the Communists last November.

The United States Government protested earlier this month against the release of the planes. It claimed that they were bought by Major General Claire Chennault, former Commander of the American "Flying Tigers" volunteer air squadron in China, two months before Britain recognized the Peking Government.

Britain considers that she cannot interfere for political reasons with the decision of the Hongkong court, taken on purely legal grounds, that the planes should be handed over to the Chinese People's Government.

WRITTEN REPLY
A government spokesman said on Wednesday that the former Chinese Nationalist planes in Hongkong had been turned over to the Chinese Communist government instead of to the American firm which claimed it had purchased them, because the Reds were in physical control of the aircraft.

Mr John Dugdale, said in a written reply to a question in

the House of Commons, that the aircraft still were in Hongkong, although the Chinese Nationalists had not applied for a fresh injunction to keep the Reds from moving them.

Conservative Member, Air Commodore A.V. Harvey, who was director of the Far Eastern Aviation Company, Ltd. from 1930 to 1949, and who was made an honorary major-general of the Southern Chinese Air Force in 1934, asked Mr Dugdale in what circumstances the planes had been released to the Communists.

Mr Dugdale replied: "Some months ago, the Government of Hongkong permitted the China National Aircraft Corporation to bring to Hongkong a number of aircraft which had been formerly based at Shanghai. In November last, a litigation began in the courts at Hongkong with regard to the aircraft between persons who may be regarded broadly as supporting the interests of the Central People's Government on the one hand and persons supporting the interests of the Chinese Nationalists, and later of American companies, on the other. The object of both sides was to establish a right to the aircraft and to remove them from Hongkong."

DE FACTO CONTROL
The statement continued: "On February 23 last, judgment was delivered by the Chief Justice of Hongkong, but it merely decided that the aircraft, being in the physical control of the employees who now accepted orders from the Central People's Government, were in de facto control and possession of that government, and that therefore it would be a violation of the immunity of a foreign sovereign government for the court to grant the application which had been made, that the aircraft should be delivered to a receiver appointed by the court."

"On the same day, the injunction, which had hitherto restrained both sides from removing the aircraft, were terminated on an application made by the supporters of the Central People's Government, with the support of the other side. I have been informed that an appeal from the judgment given on February 23 has been lodged, but no fresh injunctions have been applied for. The aircraft are still in Hongkong."—Reuter and United Press.

REV. WELLS STILL UNCONSCIOUS
The condition of the Rev. H. R. Wells, 80-year-old missionary and Chinese scholar who was knocked down and seriously injured by a tramcar yesterday, was unchanged this morning.

He is still in a critical condition and is unconscious.

Post Office In Signal Box



Stamping postal orders in England's most unusual post office is Mr G. T. Hopper. The post office, along with the book office, is in the signal box of Martin Mill, Kent, railway station. Says Mr Hopper, the station-master: "While we are busy cashing postal orders, taking parcels or issuing family allowances, we have to listen carefully for the train warning bells."—London Express Service.

Commons Questions On Reinforcements For Malaya

Now Considered Adequate

London, Mar. 15.—Since the start of the anti-Communist campaign in Malaya 1,115 terrorists have been killed, 358 wounded, 644 captured and about 350 have surrendered, Mr John Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, told Parliament today.

Security forces had made 700 operations against the terrorists in the last three months, he added.

The Anti-Bandit Month, which began on February 26, had mobilised nearly half a million volunteers of all communities in a concerted and intensive effort in support of the offensive against terrorists, he said.

Air Commodore Arthur Harvey (Conservative) asked why he had only "at this late stage" been decided to send out additional troops and aircraft. If they were necessary now, were they not necessary months ago?

Mr Dugdale replied, "No. It had been decided after the anti-bandit campaign went, what degree of success it had and, seeing the difficulties, that it would be as well to send out this extra brigade."

The brigade would, in fact, enable those troops who had already done such gallant work to have some rest and recuperation. This was very necessary after this campaign but it would not have been necessary a month or two ago.

FINAL REQUIREMENTS
Mr Oliver Stanley, former Conservative Council Secretary, asked whether the Minister was really satisfied that these additional reinforcements would be all that would be required.

"We cannot forget that on a previous occasion when we pressed for reinforcements to be sent we were told that they were quite unnecessary and within a month or two they had to be sent," he said.

"Will you go into the matter very carefully and see if there are the final requirements of the military?" he asked.

Mr Dugdale: "We are satisfied that they are the final requirements."

Mr Barnett Janner, Labour, pressed for some recognition of the exceptional services given by rubber planters in Malaya. Mr Dugdale replied that many rubber planters, in common with others, had suffered serious hardship.

The British Government had great admiration for the courage they had shown in the face of terrorist attacks. The High

KASHMIR DISPUTE

Searching For A Mediator

Nimitz Favoured

New York, Mar. 15.—Leading members of the Security Council were busy today on the job of selecting a "United Nations representative" to act as Mediator in the Kashmir dispute.

Immediately after the Security Council had passed the joint resolution appointing the Mediator, the four sponsoring powers, Britain, the United States, Norway and Cuba, met yesterday to confer on the next step. India, in accepting the resolution, has made it clear that the Mediator should be a person acceptable to India.

It was learned that both Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, the chief Indian representative, and Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, had been requested by the President of the Council, Dr. Homero La Fria, to be available for consultations during the course of the day.

Indian sources said that no names had yet been officially proposed for the post of Mediator.

PRESS SUGGESTION

Some surprise was caused, meanwhile, by suggestions in the press here that a certain plan had "gained strength." The New York Times this morning said: "The United States is reported to be favouring the idea of Admiral Chester Nimitz (as Mediator). Pakistan is also said to lean towards the Admiral, because of his prestige and the fact that demilitarisation might demand a man with a military background."

"One plan reported to have gained strength is to have both Admiral Nimitz and Dr. Ralph Bunche go to Kashmir. The Admiral would be in overall charge and Dr. Bunche would supervise the handling of specific problems standing in the way of the plebiscite," Reuter.

Bakers' Helpers On Strike

Paris, Mar. 15.—Master bakers stoked ovens and baked unladen in thousands of Parisian bakeries today after 5,000 assistants went on strike.

The strikers, all belonging to the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour, represent about half the bakers' assistants of France. They claim a cost of living bonus of 3,000 francs a month and special allowances for night and Sunday work.

Gas pressure in the city was still low as the result of the six-day strike despite requisitioning of key workers. Steel plant owners said that about 500 workers had returned in their industry today but there were still 60,000 out.—Reuter.

Government Backs Down On Seretse Ban

London, Mar. 15.—The Labour Government was reported to have backed down on Wednesday and lifted, at least temporarily, its banishment of the tribal chieftain Seretse Khama and his wife from their African domain.

The government yielded to protests from its own supporters against the "snobby treatment" given Seretse Khama, banished last week from his Bechuanaland tribe in the British protectorate of Bechuanaland, and on the grounds that his marriage to a white woman threatened the well-being and unity of the tribe. At least 40 Labour members of the House of Commons had joined Winston Churchill's Conservatives and Clement Davies' Liberal Party in demanding reconsideration of the ban.

The growing clamour was the gravest threat to the Labour Government, which emerged from last month's general

election with only a six-vote majority in the new Commons. Prime Minister Clement Attlee is understood to have informed Labour members of the government's retreat at a private Party caucus in the Commons on Wednesday morning. It may be announced publicly by the Commonwealth Secretary, Mr Patrick Gordon Walker, in the Commons during the afternoon.

Informed sources said the government has decided to permit Khama to return to his capital of Serowe at least until June, when his wife Ruth Williams, a former London stenographer, is expected to give birth to a baby.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Some Agreement At Last

AFTER long and tedious discussion, the United Nations Security Council has finally been able to reach a measure of agreement over the Kashmir dispute. The Kashmir Commission, which has been unable to accomplish anything, is to be dissolved and there is to be set up, instead, a mediator whose purpose it will be to obtain agreement upon the conditions for a plebiscite to determine the political future of Kashmir. It is to the interest of India, of Pakistan and of world peace to get this dispute resolved, and that quickly. So long as it continues both Commonwealths will be impeded in their progress and there will be a continuing danger of a deadly breach between them. At the present time, for example, communal rioting in the Calcutta and Bombay areas is increasing. There are more and more reports in the Hindu community of anti-Hindu acts by Muslims in East Pakistan and more anti-Muslim outbreaks in Hindu centres. Both Governments deplore these manifestations and try to hold them in check. They do, however, reflect the atmosphere of mistrust that exists between the two states, and a major dispute, such as that over the fate of Kashmir, contributes to this mistrust. India and Pakistan meet at so many points and their interests overlap so greatly that good-will and genuine amity are of the utmost importance. The trade war between them, for example, is greatly hurtful to both. Some commodities are tied up in such a fashion that their most profitable use must depend upon

agreement, not rivalry. Likewise, the disposition of water, a very sore point, is of immediate concern to thousands of individuals in both Commonwealths. It must be handled on a basis of mutual interest. Underlying the gravity of such problems is the still graver problem of communal difference. No scheme of partition could have been conceived that would not, ultimately, have meant that a large number of Hindus would live in a predominantly Moslem state and a large number of Moslems would live in a predominantly Hindu state. The problem of their living peacefully together is not insoluble, by any means, but it is made much more difficult if the two Governments are unsympathetic toward each other. That is the connection between the recent debates in Lake Success and the riots in Calcutta and Bombay, and it is serious. Moreover, the air of tension kept up by such a thing as the Kashmir dispute reflects itself in domestic policies. Each of the Commonwealths feels obliged to spend much more money on defence establishments than would be the case if this friction did not exist. Likewise, the feeling of uneasiness is reflected in an act such as that in the Indian Legislature by which the Government receives the power of summary arrest and detention for one year in the interest of public safety. This is an emergency type of measure hardly in accord with the rise of a new democracy with high standards of idealism. It serves little but to aggravate an already delicate situation.

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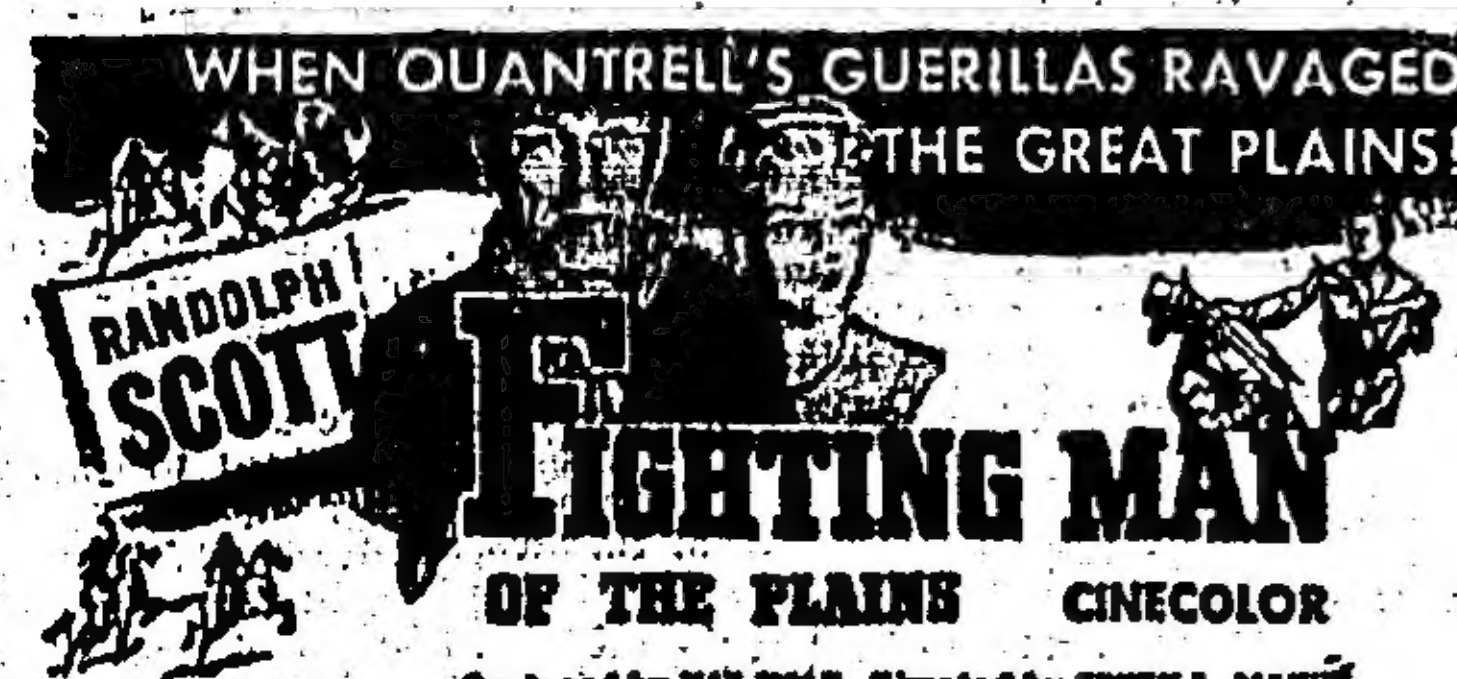
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WOMANSENSE

Actress And Cobbler



Virginia Sharpe, actress wife of American actor Phil Brown, in London, works on one of the shoes she has designed. She also rebuilds old footwear.

New Marriage Axiom! TO LOVE, HONOUR AND WASH DISHES

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

NEW YORK. Perhaps someone should change the marriage ceremony so the man promises to love, honour—and do the dishes. Today's brides are being advised to start their brand-new husbands off with a dish towel and a dust cloth—and keep them interested in helping with the housework.

To see how the bridegrooms feel about this plan, which was set forth in a current issue of a bride's magazine, couples applying for marriage licenses at the Municipal Building were interviewed. Most of the husbands-to-be agreed that they would help their wives around the house. Eight out of ten said they would willingly wipe dishes and clean house. In fact, their enthusiasm for the plan even surprised the girls they plan to marry, in some cases.

Most Detested Work
"I'll be glad to do any chore around the house," one bridegroom-to-be said with a happy smile at his future wife. "I don't care if it's dishes or hanging curtains, I'll help with anything I can."
The girl gave him a startled look. "You will?" she said wonderingly.
The only particular job any of the future husbands balked at was scrubbing or sweeping the floor. It might have been the picture of themselves with a broom or mop in their hands that appalled them. "Washing dishes and dusting are all right, but scrubbing floors is not a man's work," Martin Monkowitz said.

Conditions Favourable
Admittedly the young men were interviewed under unfair circumstances. They stood in the big, dingy Marriage License Bureau, with their brides-to-be by their sides and brand new marriage licenses in their hands. Some of them qualified their willingness to help with housework with the clause "only if my wife works."
"If my wife works, I'll help," said Harry Bloom of Yonkers, N. Y. "But as soon as she quits her job she can do it all."
The girls looked interested, patient and a little tolerant.

FASHION FLASHES

MANY designers have adopted Blanche's Persian designs. Light woollen fabrics show dots or very little checks and many of these are even lighter weight than silks. Nyons also play an important part, plain or printed, in the fashion picture.

NEW all-weather umbrellas appear everywhere. In bright nylon taffetas, to be used in rain or sunshine. Sometimes they are featured in the same chintz as the suit blouse (Molyneux does this) and sometimes they are in white embroidery or are reproductions of Japanese or Chinese sunshades. Balmian likes this oriental touch.

WEDDING gowns are very lovely this year. Curves showed times they are in white embroidery or are reproductions of Japanese or Chinese sunshades. Balmian likes this oriental touch.

AN IMPORTANT influence coming to the fore is the Far East influence, of Chinese and Indo-Chinese inspiration. It is to be seen in prints, in hats and accessories and is even more marked than the "1900-1920" influence which prevails in some collections.

while their future husbands talked about housework. One, whose fiancé had just announced he could and would help with all kinds of chores, turned for a whispered last word as they left. "He really doesn't know a thing about housework," she whispered.

Defends Men
Another bride-to-be stood up for the men. "A woman doesn't want a houseman," she objected. "It's no good if you take advantage of a man's good nature."

While all this talk was going on, a clerk in the license bureau looked on with a patient smile. He figured it didn't make too much difference what a man said three days before he got married.

"These fellows say 'yes' now," said the clerk, "an old married man himself. But after a few months they'll be trying to get out of wiping dishes just like the rest of us."

Colourful Shirt Classic



By ALICE ALDEN

AS WE pause for half-century innings, let's take a look at the fashions that have endured. One such fashion is the shirtwaist, beloved classic, pretty and practical. The current version, so vastly different from the turn-of-the-century design, is handsomely interpreted by talented Dorothy Korby. Her

convertible neckline shirtwaist is of pure silk print, the design a cool abstraction of tone on monotone. Grosgrain ribbon, to match the dominant print colour, defines its sleek lines. It is fine with a suit, splendid with skirts, shorts or slacks in the versatile manner that modern women demand.

MODERN SUITS WITH DETAILS OF THE '20s

LONDON. had high fly closing, velvet-backed tailored collar, with carnation on the lapel, and the accompanying skirt was of white marcella with long sleeves and linked cuffs.
Very similar in type was a perfectly plain fitted navy serge tailored coat with fly-closing and black velvet collar; worn with navy and white striped rayon crepe, fastened with a stickpin, and navy and white striped hat and gloves.
Some of the soft suits were interesting, too, in this collection. A slim collarless, belted suit in gray tropical worsted, featured a loose sleeve, widening toward the wristline. With this goes a lilac and white striped over-blouse and a birch cover suit with straight jacket bunch of parma violets at the over slender skirt. The jacket neckline.

A Simplified Way Of Phonics Taught To Children Suggested

A FEW decades ago a phonics began to disappear from American school readers. But phonics are coming back. They never should have disappeared. In the "Elementary Course of Study," bulletin 233-B, put out by the Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa., a large amount of space is devoted to phonics and their proper teaching.

Phonics once disappeared because many teachers used to put so much emphasis on sounds of letters that their attention and the children's were diverted from meaning of words and combination of words. Moreover, earlier methods of teaching phonics relied on the synthetic blending of individual letters and their various sounds. This resulted in sound distortion in which "cuh-a-pup," for example, hardly could be recognized as cup. The newer way avoids this procedure. Pictures are helping.

Pictured Words
Even the preschool child may be interested in pictured words which rhyme, as hat, rat, bat, and bring from his own little head more rhyming words. Some children—magazines often carry features of pictured words which rhyme. Many preschool children as well as children six, seven or eight years old enjoy such features. Some magazines sometimes carry groups of pictured words which begin with the same letter, as box, book, basket. Some magazines also run occasionally a feature of pictured words which begin with blends of letters, as plate, plane, plumb; or pictured words in which a sound like s as in city, cedar, celand; or pictured words in which a sound like k, as in cat, can, coat.

Now any parent can help a child in the first or second grade to have a lot of fun at learning such sounds. Accordingly, she helps the child find and cut out pictures of words in old magazines, beginning with such sounds or blends, and paste these words in a scrap book. Then

the prints for him the proper word under each picture. Of course, not nearly all such words can be pictured. But if a few are, the child will easily think of other words beginning with each group of sounds or blends. Any mother also can help the child through pictures that he can find, cut or paste, containing the short sound of each vowel, beginning with words of one syllable, as cat, man, bag. Soon the child can be led to see how the final e on the end of a one-syllable word affects the sound of the preceding vowel, as when you add e to can to make it can. It also will be fun for the youngster to have experience at recognizing such endings as er, est, as, and ly; and to be able to break up a two-syllable word into its component syllables.

But before much practice like the foregoing begins, it is important that the child should be able to recognize all the 26 letters of the alphabet, though he need not learn them in order till he begins to use the dictionary.

By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

Winning Through Short Cut

SCORING over sixteen rivals, 28-year-old Leonard Winton, won the recent Hairdressing Spring Fashion Contest, held at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place in London.

His model was auburn-haired Frances Power, aged 17, a hairdressing apprentice from Kensington. Her hair, only 4½ in. long was dressed in a simple, asymmetrical shingle.



Variations on an urchin theme: Above, Miss Frances Power, 17, holds the Challenge cup for her winning hair-style, called "Spring Fashion." Below: A semi-Edwardian hair-do, the main effect swept to the side, was worn by Mrs. Violet Donovan.

He forecasts an indefinite future for the short cut—"mainly because" women find it easy to handle.
He likes it worn with earrings, thinks it is suited to young women with oval features.

Another believer in the short cut was Mr. Charles Dennison, who won a concurrently run competition for hair styles in postiche.

"I expect to see short hair still in vogue ten years from now," he said.

—(London Express Service)

'Stupid' Children May Just Need A Doctor

CHICAGO. — "Stupid" children may need a doctor more than they do a new teacher, one expert believes.
Dr. George E. Park, of Northwestern University medical school, reported his findings on 215 cases of children who were unable to learn to read properly.

Among the physical difficulties found in the children were impaired breathing facilities, hearing loss, eyesight defects, glandular defects and emotional disabilities.

Treatment depends upon the correction of physical disorders and the ingenuity of the physician, Dr. Park reported.

—United Press

Right Shoes Are All-Important



These wedge-shaped flats are really a dressy version of the popular barefoot sandal. Made of black suede, they have flexible leather soles.

By HELEN FOLLETT

YOU cannot expect to march in the good-looking parade unless you have healthy, perfectly conditioned feet, and wear smart, correctly fitted shoes. You must not hobble, you must not hope, you must proceed with the light, springy step that will help you to retain the graceful silhouette. Your feet have much to bear besides your weight; all too often they must also bear abuse and neglect. It is a shame!

The ancient Chinese custom of binding the feet of girl children seems shocking to us, yet recent surveys show that the number of youngsters in American public schools with foot troubles exceed eighty percent. If you are a mother, be fussy about your child's shoes. See that they are amply large. Mothers—most of them—are equally casual about the leather "houses" in which they pack

their little dogs. Let them seek style—that's natural and desirable—but let them also seek comfort since twinging toes will curdle the disposition of a saint, dig frozen lines in the forehead, make one see life through dim glasses. Now for shoe news.

"A stylish walking shoe" is what you should have for daily wear. The tailored line is tops. Select a shoe that has a flexible leather sole, that supports your foot, does not slip at the heel. Designers have done themselves proud in creating footwear that suits the fashions of the moment.

A welcome note is the revival of the extension leather sole for casual or walking shoes. You will find squared or notched soles carrying that nubby, tweedy look right down to the toes. Nice for this season of the year, and practical.

Let's Eat
BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Necessary Item in Our Diet

WE all know that a menu, to be balanced, must include the right proportion of protein, carbohydrate and fat foods, with an equally well-balanced coterie of vitamins and minerals to spark the entire glandular system and make possible utilization of food.

But the most important, the most vital, the most necessary item in our diet is water. Without much thought or effort, I mean water. It super-saturates food; makes up about 70% of our body weight; carries the nutritive elements from the food to the cells; takes away the waste products of metabolism; and regulates body temperature.

Any healthy adult needs 2 quarts of fluid a day.

This may be entirely plain water, or it may include two or three six-ounce glasses of fruit juice, six-ounce cup each of coffee or tea, a six-ounce cup of thin soup or bouillon, a glass of whole or skim milk or buttermilk, and five or six glasses of water; this may be warm or hot, cold or chilled (but not ice cold, since extreme cold slows up stomach digestion and decreases metabolism).

Dinner
Clam-Tomato Chowder
Steamed Finnan Haddock
Lemon Cream Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Cabbage
Peach Roll Finnan Sauce
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

Stoamed Finnan Haddock
Four boiling water over 1½ lbs. finnan haddock. Drain and half cover with boiling water. Simmer 30 min. Drain; cut into portions for serving, and pour over lemon cream sauce. Garnish with parsley.

Lemon Cream Sauce: Melt 2 tbs. butter or margarine in a sauce pan. Stir in 2 tbs. flour and when blended gradually add ½ c. boiling water. Cook and stir until boiling hard. Then add ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, 1 tbs. lemon juice and ¼ c. soured cream. Stir until boiling and use as directed.

Peach Roll
Prepare once the recipe for baking, powder biscuit pastry. Transfer the dough to a slightly floured pastry board or cloth and roll into oblong shape ¼ in. thick. Combine 2½ c. chopped sugar and the juice and grated rind ½ lemon. Spread over the dough to within an inch of the edge. Dot with 1 tbs. butter or

Trick of the Chef
To make very good quick clam-and-tomato chowder, turn the contents of 1 tin of condensed clam chowder into a sauce pan; add 1 tin water or liquid drained from cooking vegetables and ½ tin tomatoes; simmer 5 minutes.

IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION IS MORE INTERNATIONAL

By Peter Lovegrove

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Daddy! Mummy's going to the sales!"

There is more of an international flavour than ever before about this year's Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, our annual pageant of domestic progress, which opened at Olympia, London, on March 7.

From 12,000 miles away, New Zealand sent one of its 33,000 "State Houses," which are built by private enterprise to Government plans for the authorities to own and let. The Dominion went into the house-building business as long ago as 1936 to attempt to solve a shortage that was then, and still is, acute.

These neat, red-roofed, one-storeyed, three-bedroom homes, which can be rented for 29s. 6d. a week, are built of the plentiful native timbers—the outer walls of Matai, a black pine, or Rimu, a red pine, and the window frames of Totara, a hard-weathering wood-like teak.

One out of every four houses built in a State House, and they have become an accepted and

pleasing feature of New Zealand's cities and towns. New suburbs, complete with schools, halls and community shopping centres, have arisen around these estates.

The specifications conform with the requirements of many local authorities in Britain, where unfortunately such timber is not available.

France, invited as a guest in honour of the President's visit to display products of which she is most proud, occupies a place of honour with her tapestry, fine linen, table services, jewellery, women's clothing, perfume and vintage wines in fascinating old bottles.

On another stand, her famous cheeses compete with the Samsoe and Blue cheeses of Denmark, which is also displaying butter fresh from the churn and mild-cured bacon, while travel agencies from Austria and Italy are busy arranging bookings for the Dolomites and the Tyrol, Venice and Capri.

TALKING DRUMS

From only a stone's throw away from the gateway to the Palace of the Doges and the Oberammergau Passion Play comes the hypnotic, insistent throb of West African "talking drums." Twelve men, and women have come from the Gold Coast to live again, the life of the cocoa farmer and his family in a typical native compound: they harvest the brightly-coloured pods and dry the little brown beans which grow in the half-jungle and have been satisfying half the world's needs in the last 70 years.

Parallel with the story of cocoa is that of sugar, with huge working models of cane plantations in Jamaica amid the dusky, purple silhouette of distant hills, demonstrating the cutting of the sticks, their loading on trucks and trains, and the West Indian factories where they are transformed into the raw brown crystals and molasses which are later refined in the United Kingdom and processed into millions of Mister Cubes.

From even further afield, is a Japanese garden, copied from the Kenrokji Park at Kanazawa, with the giant mountain of Fujiyama looming from a black-cloth.

But this year's show is not merely a picturesque lesson in geography. It is largely the cover, the colour and the variety of progress in the domestic arts,

which has delighted millions since Edwardian days.

FAMOUS 12 ACRES

Over 500 firms rub shoulders in these 12 acres of famous exhibition space, and while many of them display important improvements and innovations which will make homes more decorative and comfortable, and life easier for the housewife, perhaps the most spectacular feature of the Show is the ingenuity with which their wares are presented.

Two new houses, which can be bought or built for those who have the good fortune to hold both a building licence and a determination to possess their own hearth, are attracting much attention. One, the Berg House, is a four-bedroom cottage (bungalow) with a chimney stack of rough course stone, and costs £2,100 (exclusive of the land, of course). The other is Unity House, built on the "prefab" basis, but which has the appearance of a traditional house. Semi-detached, with concrete columns, steel beams and manufactured stone, it costs some £1,200.

The Services are represented as usual. The Royal Air Force has the most spectacular display, with visitors invited to use the standard Free Gunner Trainer and a Night Vision Trainer, and they can also get the impression of flying one of our latest jet fighters, the Meteor.

The Army has brought in the Army Apprentice School at Harrogate to demonstrate their normal trade training as carpenters, painters, surveyors and architectural draughtsmen.

USEFUL GADGETS

The Ideal Home Exhibition would not be complete without a crop of odd but useful new gadgets. This year I found a Hearing Aid for women who are sensitive about their deafness; it conceals a tiny 3-valve electronic hearing aid, the batteries, and the earphone itself. A vacuum cleaner with an undercarriage to simplify stair-cleaning. An Electric Chef which kneads dough, beats, blends, whisks, minces and extracts juice from foods. A 2-hp motor cultivator which mows the lawn, cuts long grass, and drives a sprayer. A mains-operated food mixer, which creams fat, mashes potatoes and polishes silver. A 2ft. 6in. high dwarf washer which can deal with up to three pounds of clothes in two to three minutes, and a midget radio which costs (including purchase tax) just under £7.

British Council's 1950 Courses

The British Council's 1950 programme of short courses and summer schools in Great Britain is now being distributed in 60 countries in different parts of the world. It contains 48 new courses to be held in more than 24 centres in England and Scotland and Wales between March and November.

More than 1,000 specialists from overseas territories are expected to take part in the courses, which will average from two to three weeks each. Individual fees range from £16 to £35 exclusive of fares to and from Great Britain.

Among the new ventures are courses on "Broadcasting for Schools" (London, April 1 to 10); "Development of the Appreciation of the Arts" (London, Manchester and Wakefield, September 25 to October 14); Dairy Technology" (Reading and London, July 11 to 25); "Research in Pomology" (East Malling Research Station, near Maidstone, March 21 to 31); and "An Experiment in Social Analysis," which will take

NEWS IN PICTURES



RELYING ON MEMORY — Bertalan Bodnar, noted Hungarian painter, puts finishing touches to a portrait of Cardinal Mindszenty which he painted from memory in Havana, Cuba. A former acquaintance of the Cardinal, imprisoned by the Communists, Bodnar hopes to present his picture to Cardinal Spellman in New York.



TAKING TIME OUT—Getting your exercise with a ball at Miami Beach, Florida, is all very well, but Laura Darnee thinks it can be overdone. She's had her workout for the day and now she's just taking it easy on the sands and enjoying the fresh sea breezes, sunshine and winter warmth.

He Wants To Keep Communism Lean

Lord Vansittart, who, during the war, repeatedly advocated a post-war policy of stringent control over German war potential, has now suggested a new maxim for our times: "Keep Communism Lean."

Theatre News From Britain

On his return to Britain from Hollywood, Emlyn Williams will produce and star in his own play, "Accade." The chief character is a famous novelist, who is knighted and then becomes involved in a scandal. The play, presented by H.M. Tennent in conjunction with Leland Hayward and Joshua Logan, will go to New York after its London run.

Eileen Herlie, not seen on the stage since her success at the Edinburgh Festival of 1948 as Medea, has chosen Placida's "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" for her return to the West End. Her portrayal of Paula should be interesting. Cecil Beaton is designing costumes and scenery.

Emile Littler is to present a musical version of Barrie's "Quality Street" later this year. Harry Parr Davies has composed the music. Christopher Hassall has written the lyrics, and Doris Zinkeisen is designing the costumes. Mr. Littler's next productions will be "The Purple Fig Tree," a melodrama set in an inn in Greece, with Margaret Rawlings and Jack Hawkins (Piccadilly Theatre, London) and "Latin Quarter," a spectacular revue which goes to the London Casino on March 18.

Stanley French and S. H. Newson are to put on a big-scale British musical with a book based on Thackeray's "Vanity Fair."

Another promising young dramatist is Toni Block, whose "Flowers for the Living" has opened at the Duchess Theatre, London. The play deals with a slum-bred girl who returns home after six years of decent living in the Army. Nova Pilbeam plays the girl, with Kathleen Harrison as her mother and Barry Morse as the Corporal with whom she is in love.

Kenneth Alford and Stephen Tail have dramatised E. M. Forster's interesting novel, "A Room with View," and it has had its first performance at the Arts Theatre, Cambridge. This is the first time Mr. Forster has allowed one of his books to be staged.

Miles Maiterson, whose English version of Moliere's "The Miser," with himself in the title part, is one of the hits of the present Old Vic season, has now adapted "Terufluff." This will be seen at the Old Vic, Bristol.

Lord Vansittart's new maxim is based on the "simple principle . . . that one should not build up countries likely to attack one," and for that reason he criticises the British Government's decision to accord recognition to Communist China.

Propounding his theory in a letter to The Times, he suggests that in international affairs "one must have a few principles." Too many might be a nuisance, but there must be some.

He goes on: "One principle is that, while it is embarrassing in any circumstances to find oneself in relations with malefactors, it is inexcusable to hasten into one's way to enter into entanglement on the eve of advertised crime."

"The Government have recognised the Chinese Communist revolutionaries of their impending invasion of Tibet, and Lord Hugh Russell (Lord Vansittart's adversary in this current newspaper controversy) says, in effect, that we are not concerned with the Tibetan funeral."

IN DILEMMA

"What then shall we do when rape is followed by murder? Look the other way, or complain and turn up at the criminal's next reception?"

"We have put ourselves in this dilemma by disregard of principle, and are therefore bound to lose respect."

He recalls his pre-war maxim, "Keep Germany Lean," which he subsequently elaborated during the war, and says he thought then that "the sacrifice of some trade was better than the sacrifice of 30 million lives." But still we went on exporting metals to Germany and Japan.

"The same tendencies," Lord Vansittart warns, "are at work again."

He describes as "wishful thinking" the view that recognition will not encourage "our enemies."

NOT TO KOW-TOW

"It will," he says, "be interpreted as weakness, which always stimulates aggressors."

"I want no friendship with evil," he concludes. "When once we have realised that the lust for world dominion must mean another war, that cruelty is the unforgivable sin, that the oppression of the individual and the suppression of the soul have nothing on God's earth to recommend them, we should not kow-tow but stand up to them. I say again: 'Keep Communism Lean.' Experience speaks for that principle."



READY FOR THE TOURISTS — A woman lace worker sets up her stand in Genoa, Italy, as the entire Italian Riviera prepares for what is hoped will be a record tourist year. Thousands of Holy Year pilgrims are expected to visit the famous beauty spots along the coast.



FASHION'S TWINS — Two scarves, one 22 inches square and the other 30 inches square, lend an original air to a blouse and skirt outfit. One is worn shawl fashion, while the other is tied in a knot at the throat. Swiss batiste scarves worn together are a new note in fashion.



PRETTY AS A PICTURE—Sweeping clouds make a picturesque formation over the calm waters at Miami Beach, Florida, at the start of the seventeenth annual Lipton Cup Race. The 28-mile contest was won by Ticonderoga, a 72-foot ketch owned by Allen Carlisle of Miami. The cloudy skies added considerable scenic pleasure to the race.

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



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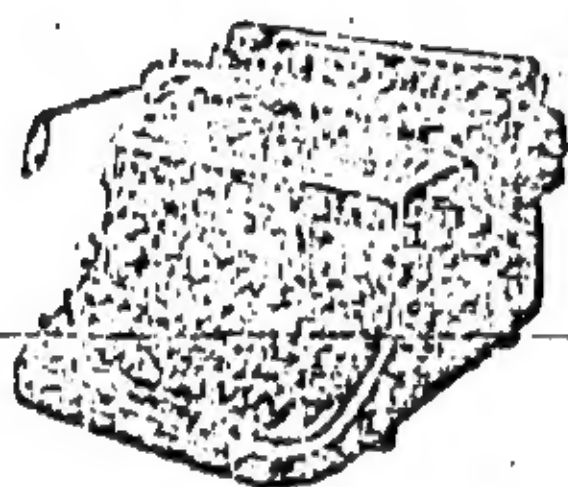
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"Dad—remember during one of your clever political discussions in the pub
challenging a gentleman to a duel? Well, here he is."

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It's the strangest car
journey I ever made

BERLIN.
A YOUNG GERMAN
People's Policeman sat
in my car and pushed
his Luger pistol into my
back. He said: "Drive on,
and don't try to get away
or I shall shoot."

By
**Selkirk
Panton**

I did not point out that
this would be fatal probably
to both of us. Instead, I
thought: This is what
comes from trying to drive
from Berlin to Poland across
the Soviet Zone, the first
Briton to do it for three
years.

Five minutes before, I had
been driving merrily towards
Stettin, now Szczecin, in
Poland. Ten miles from
Schwedt, on the Oder River,
Poland's new West frontier,
I saw before me two German
People's Police. They had
their pistols out.

Their hands were trem-
bling. This did not surprise
me. My experience of be-
ing held up is that it is
nearly always the hand
that holds the pistol that
trembles.

'Could be forged'

I SHOWED them my pass-
port, with its valid Rus-
sian Zone and Polish visas.
One said: "Yes, but these
could be forged. You must
come to our H.Q."

I was shown into the po-
lice "common room" and
placed under an armed
guard.

While a telephone whirled
in the next room I looked
through the police library—
all German translations of
Russian authors' histories
of Marxism and Communism,
and not a thriller among
them.

Then through a window I
saw two Russian officers,
one with the mauve cap
band of the secret police,
entering the station. I
thought: Here we go.

But I was wrong. Ten minutes
later the police captain, to my
surprise, handed me my pass-
port with a flourish, clicked his
heels, saluted, and said: "My
apologies. Your Russian visa is
in order. Please go." I went.

Half an hour later the wooden
barrier across the road to Stettin
stopped me. It was the Russian
Zone frontier to Poland. Out of
a broken-down shack at the side
of the road stumbled Red Army
soldier Kolya, with his fur cap
askew.

I knew his name was Kolya
because it was tattooed on his
left hand. He spoke only one
non-Russian word—in German,
"Kamerad." And he began every
sentence with it in Russian. He
too, started telephoning.

An hour later a Russian
lieutenant arrived. He could not
understand my Russian visa.

'You're the first'

HIS mistake was not cleared
up for two hours, when I
left. No examination of luggage.
Nothing. I was out of the Soviet
zone.

Two miles down the straight,
lonely road was a Polish frontier
station.

The captain in charge said:
"It may take some time before
you can go on. You are the first
Englishman to come through
here by car, but when you come
back to Germany it will only
take five minutes."

Two hours later, with a quick
salute and handshake, I was at
last in Poland.

For ten days I drove around
Poland, covering more than
1,000 miles. Travelling on main
roads, I passed 30 private cars.
There were tens of thousands of
horses, and every one I passed
reared or bolted at the sight of
a car.

The moment I crossed into
Poland I slipped into the general
spy mania which has gripped
the country. But it was not until
I reached Warsaw, that city
which has risen from the ashes
and is now once more pulsating,
that I met the man in the green
hat.

He followed me everywhere.
This spying on every Western
foreigner, from ambassadors
downwards, has the deliberate
aim of isolating the foreigners
and frightening the Poles.

As I left the country the
Polish captain at the frontier
kept his word and I went
through in five minutes—into the
Soviet Zone.

The search

DOWN the road Kolya, his fur
cap still askew, grinned a
welcome and gave me a bear-
like clap. Then he telephoned
for his office. That was at two
o'clock in the afternoon.

The Russian captain arrived,
looked at my passport and said
with some regret, "Yes, the
Russian visa is in order." He
added: "Now we will search."

I was easy in my mind. I had
been warned about this. I
thought I had nothing with me.

Kolya and a "Kamerad" start-
ed on the car. They took the
seats out and everything else
they could find. Every piece of
paper was taken into the shack
and the Russian captain sat
down before me.

He came to a pipe cleaner. He
fingered it for five minutes. Then
he asked, "What's this for?" I
showed him. He smiled.

Then he found some spare
lighter flints. He handled them
as though they were miniature
detonators. I did not tell him

NOW—FROM A MAN—THE SCIENTIST'S VIEW

How can we account
for man's crushing
superiority?

THE stature of the masculine mind
can be assessed by its astonishing
achievements in science, religion,
art, music, exploration, and every other
field of progressive endeavour.

There is no comparable record for
judging the feminine mind. The list
of great women reduces to about six
names. Madame Curie, Jane
Austen, the Bronte sisters,
Queen Elizabeth, and
Florence Nightingale.



by CHAPMAN PINCHER

Women explain this by alleg-
ing that their sex has never
been given the chance to express
its mental powers.

This is a poor excuse. One
of the fundamental charac-
teristics of the genius is his de-
termination in overcoming racial
and financial obstacles to achieve
his purpose.

Michael Faraday was a black-
smith's son. Andrew Carnegie
began as a barefoot bobbin-boy
in a cotton mill. Louis Pasteur
was the son of a tanner. Madame
Curie was always hampered
by lack of money.

NEVER EVEN ONE GREAT
WOMAN COMPOSER....

WELL-TO-DO women have
never been denied musical
or literary education. Yet there
have been no great women com-
posers or philosophers and few

front-rank female poets and
writers.

In spite of all this I will not
hold woman's past against her
in this assessment of her intel-
lectual powers. I will measure
her mind as it compares now
with its male counterpart.

The brain—the mechanism
which determines the power of
the mind—weighs less in the
average woman. But size is
not so important as structure.
And so far scientists have found
no structural differences be-
tween woman's brain and
man's.

THEY LEARN—JUST
LIKE PARROTS

UNTIL we get further evidence
we must therefore assume
that women have the mental
equipment—the brain cells and
electrical circuits—for original
thought.

How then can we account for
man's crushing intellectual
superiority?

For proof of this superiority
consider these four points:—

1 Universities have been chur-
ing out women graduates for
more than 30 years. But the
number of them who are
where in competition with men
is negligible.

The reason—as I found for
myself at a co-ed college—is
that women learn like parrots.
They scribble down everything
the professors say, write it out
in fair copy, then learn it by
heart.

They leave college loaded with
knowledge but understanding
little of it.

2 The average woman cannot
argue objectively. A clear-
cut issue is rapidly obscured in
her mind by an emotional
smokescreen.

AND LOGIC ENDS IN
A SLAMMED DOOR

WHEN cornered by masculine
logic she debates the argu-
ment by bringing it down to a
personal level. The conflict ends
in shrill abuse hurled through a
slamming door.

3 Women squander their share
of the greatest progressive
thought—curiosity—in gossip.
They are curious enough only to
find out how Mrs. Smith can
afford a washing machine not
to discover how it works.

4 They make nothing of their
quota of that other great
creative urge, the competitive
spirit. They feel it is satisfied if

It's a code!

HE handed the two sheets to
me and said: "You have a
secret code here." I took them
and looked at them. The two
sheets had obviously been used
as second sheets when typing
some time before.

The punctuation marks could
be seen and even individual
letters. But I had no idea when
I had used the paper or what
the sheets might have contained.

I told the captain what they
were, but I knew it was no good.
He did not believe me. He
stated: "We shall find truth."

Five minutes later two young
German People's policemen with
revolvers and rifles arrived. The
captain said: "Take him."

They cluttered with their guns
into my car and we drove ten
miles to their headquarters.
Then we were ordered another
20 miles to the barracks at Pen-
kun. Time: 5.30 p.m.

I waited until midnight, when
a man dashed into the room and
handed me my passport.

He said, "You are free, Berlin
has ordered it. The Russian cap-
tain has made a big mistake, and
he is in trouble with Berlin."

Ten minutes later he shook
hands with me at the autobahn
and said, Berlin is straight on.
Sorry I had to keep the sheets."

So was I. I am still wondering
what was on them.

(London Express Service)

Joan Evans Hits Out
At Teen-agers

By PATRICIA CLARY

A LOT of teen-agers are a
disgrace, one of them con-
tends.

They tear the clothes off
crooners, they hang around
movie stars when they ought to
be home in bed, and they waste
their time collecting autographs
instead of doing something con-
structive.

"A bunch of those bad apples,"
Joan Adams said, "are giving
all teen-agers a bad name.
Plenty of us are perfectly nice,
normal people."

Joan made a remarkable film
debut in "Roseanna McKoy".
Even such well-bred teen-
agers as Miss Evans, Elizabeth
Taylor and Jan Powell find
Hollywoodites eyeing them with
suspicion and distaste—impos-
sible as that sounds—every time
a bobby-sox mob goes mad.

"They think all teen-agers
are alike," Miss Evans said. "I
even get nasty letters saying,
"Why don't you kids behave
yourselves?"

It was "disgraceful, simply
disgraceful," Miss Evans said,

when the Pittsburgh fan club of
crooner Rieci Vallo greeted him
at a hospital, minus his shirt and
most of his pants.

"They ought to have some-
thing better to do than carry on
like that," she said. "Do they
think that's smart?"

The same thing happens to
Frankie Granger, with whom
Miss Evans starred in
"Roseanna McKoy," when they
make appearances.

"They grab at him, at his
clothes, or anything," she said.
"First it's three or four, then
they all go wild. It's mass
hysteria."

Another time the 15-year-old
star went to a preview with
Lucille Ball.

All the kids were calling for
autographs and shaking their
pens at her," she said. "They
splashed ink all over us."

"I never could see the fascina-
tion of getting the signature of
somebody you don't know, any-
way.—United Press.

NANCY

Face-saving

By Ernie Bushmiller



Big Communist Concentration In Kwangsi

CLASSIC INVASION ROUTE TO INDO-CHINA: BUT NOT MOVING

Saigon, Mar. 15.—A French Army commander, General Marcel Carpentier, told Reuter today that about 700,000 regular Chinese Communist troops were concentrated in the Kwangsi Province area near the "classic" invasion route to Indo-China.

Danes Rout The Communists

Copenhagen, Mar. 15.—Denmark's nationwide municipal elections today resulted in a rout for the Communists.

The Communists lost their only seat in the County Councils and lost 50 of the 74 seats they had won in Town Councils in the 1946 elections.—United Press.

Death Of Mr H.G. Wallington

Former Principal Of King's College

News was received in Hongkong this morning that Mr H.G. Wallington, former Principal of the old King's College, and a one-time prominent sportsman in Hongkong, died at his home in Wellington, Northants, on March 12. The funeral took place yesterday.

The late Mr Wallington joined the Education Department in January, 1924 and was first associated with Queen's College, then became headmaster of the Yauwatt School, and finally Principal of King's College. He held that post when war broke out in December, 1941.

The late Mr Wallington's health suffered irreparably as a result of his Stanley internment and he was invalided out of the Service upon Liberation.

In his younger days Mr Wallington was an outstanding sports figure and played full back for the Hongkong Football Club and represented the Colony in Intercollegiate soccer. He also played cricket well, and later took up bowls with great keenness and displayed considerable skill at the game.

Mr Wallington is survived by his wife and a son, Guy, who at present is serving as a District Commissioner in the Solomon Islands.

Search For Greek Govt.

Athens, Mar. 15.—King Paul today began consultations with political leaders to determine the formation of the new government on the basis of the March 5 elections.

The King saw Constantinos Tsaldaris, head of the leading Populist Party, and Sophocles Venizelos, leader of the Liberal Party, the strongest.

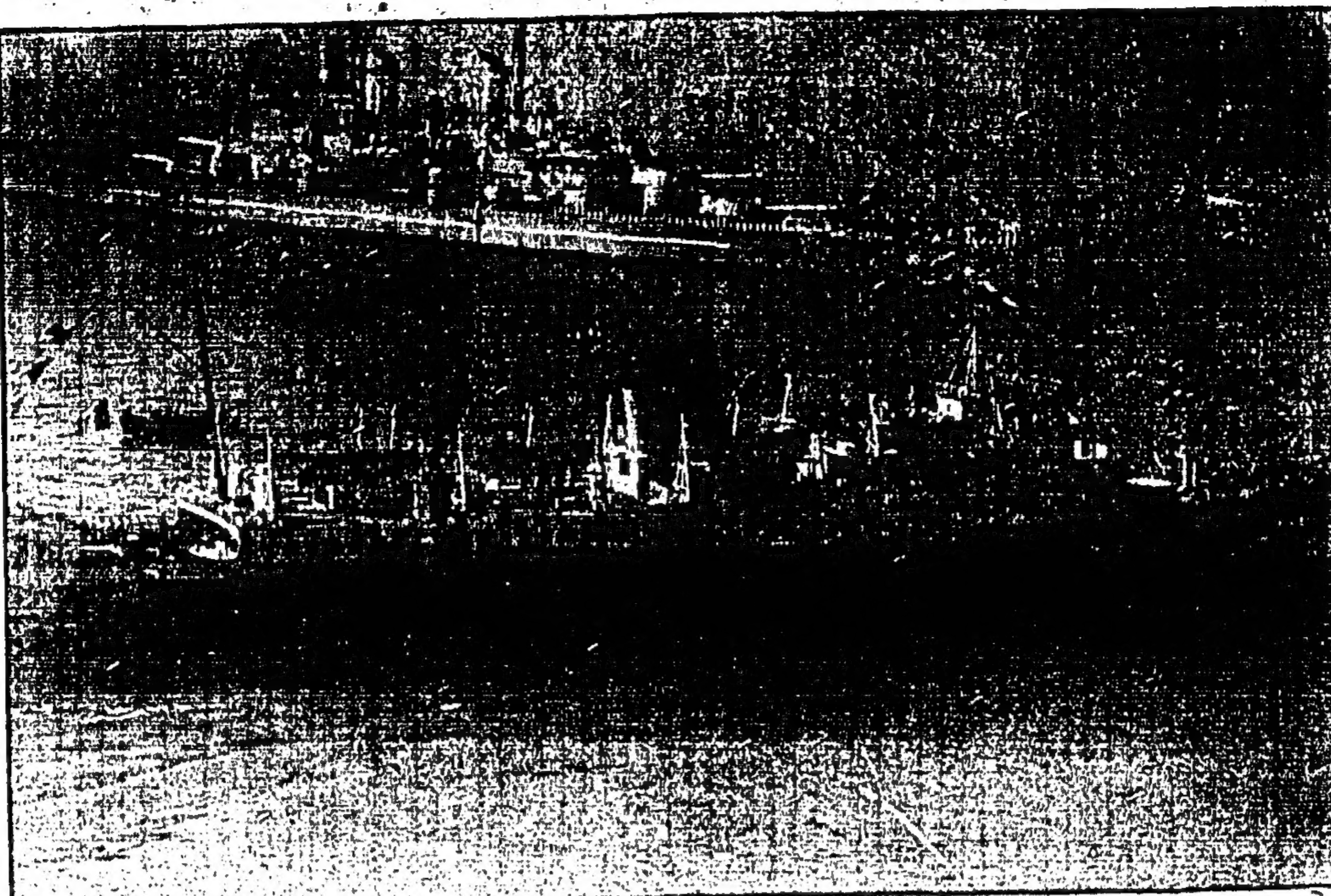
As a matter of formality, the King will also see leaders of other top parties which created a five-way split of the majority vote. Mr Venizelos has agreed with the leaders of the three other top-ranking parties to form a coalition which would include the top-ranking Populists.

The King is expected to make a decision early next week.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K. "Hongkong Calling." Programme Summary, 0.02, London Promenade Orchestra, 0.22, Organ Solos, (BBCRS); 0.30, La Demit-Huere Française, (Studio); World News and News Analysis, (London Relay); 7.15, Sports Review by Bill Phillips, (Studio); 7.30, "Talk from Here" with Joy Nichols, Dick Gentry and Jimmy Edwards, (BBCRS); 8.00, "Band Call," introduced by George Hodding, (Studio); 8.40, "AT the Opera," with the Principal Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Home, cond. by Giovanni de Fabritis; 9.30, "Picture Parade," Private Angelo, (BBCRS); 10.00, "Radio News," 10.15, "West-ther Report," 10.15, "In My Library," A Talk by E.M. Forster, (BBCRS); 10.30, "Thursday Serenade," A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Dery Down, 11.00, "Light and Sweet Music," 11.15, "Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain," 11.30, "Relay Record," 11.40, "God Save the King," 11.50, "Close Down."

Sun shines for the Aurils and the Navy puts a show



In the background HMS Vanguard in full dress for the visit of the French President, M. Vincent Auriol, and Mme. Auriol, who arrived aboard the Arramanches (forefront) at Dover. (London Express Service).

America To Clamp Tight On Espionage

Washington, Mar. 15.—In a sharp reaction to recent spy cases, the House of Representatives today voted 369 to two to clamp tight new safeguards around American secrets and stiffen the penalties for espionage.

ISRAEL'S PACT WITH JORDAN

Cairo, Mar. 15.—Egyptian press reports from Beirut and Damascus that Transjordan and Israel had signed a separate five-year peace treaty persisted today.

Al Ahram reported that Emir Khalid Shehab, the Lebanese Minister to Amman, yesterday telephoned on the Beirut Foreign Office saying King Abdullah had called Arab State envoys to a meeting there this morning to inform them about the "conclusion of the treaty."

Al Misi reported from Beirut that the Lebanese Foreign Minister had received "official information" that Jordan and Israel had concluded a peace pact. Al Misi reported that the new treaty provided:

1. Transjordan to have free use of the port of Haifa.
2. Arab refugees in Jordan to have the right to return to their homes in Jewish-held territory.
3. Jews to have free passage to Jerusalem from Tel-Aviv.
4. Jews in Jerusalem to have access to the Walling Wall, the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital.—United Press.

The measure, which now goes to the Senate, would provide methods for dealing with foreign-trained spies and saboteurs and give President Truman wide powers to protect military secrets. It would:

1. Extend the statute of limitations from three to 10 years for certain types of cases dealing with the theft of government secrets.
2. Double the penalty for conspiracy to reveal national secrets. The new penalty would be a maximum fine of \$50,000 or 10 years in prison.
3. Require registration of everyone who might "have knowledge of or have received instruction in" spying or sabotage from a foreign country or political party, except those trained for government purposes.
4. Make failure to register as a foreign agent a continuing offence in order to extend the statute of limitations.
5. Give the President and Secretary of Defence power to make special regulations to protect peacetime secrets of military stations and material.—United Press.

Shanghai Raid

San Francisco, Mar. 15.—Peking Radio reported tonight that Nationalist bombers raided Shanghai city at noon on Tuesday.

It said that over 50 bombs were dropped and that six people were killed.

The Radio described the raid as "wanton" and alleged that it was "under the direction of American Imperialists"—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Yes, you certainly did cut down on our budget, George—but aren't we going to spend something for coal, milk and rent?"

Belgian Plebiscite Vote

LEOPOLD STILL STRUGGLING FOR RIGHT ANSWER

Geneva, Mar. 15.—M. Franz Van Cauwelaert and M. Robert Gillon, the Presidents respectively of the Belgian Lower and Upper Chambers, spent nearly two hours with King Leopold this afternoon after reaching Geneva by special plane from Brussels.

On returning to their hotel they immediately conferred with the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Gaston Eyskens, who was not present at the meeting.

M. Eyskens had a conversation alone with the King this morning.

After a short but animated talk with the two Chamber Presidents, M. Eyskens had a 10-minute telephone conversation with Brussels from the hotel.

categorically refused by all sides. M. Gillon told correspondents he thought the conversations would probably continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

The arrival of the Presidents of the two Belgian Houses of Parliament is seen here as indicating that discussions between King Leopold and his Prime Minister are not proceeding too smoothly.

M. Van Cauwelaert's remark that it was probable that other leading Belgian political figures would come to Geneva to see the King has added strength to the belief that King Leopold wishes to investigate every political source before coming to a decision on whether he will return or not.

The King's principal secretary, Professor Jacques Pirenne, arrived at the hotel early tonight. He went immediately into a long conference with the Prime Minister and the two Belgian Chamber Presidents.

M. Pirenne then drove away with M. Van Cauwelaert in the direction of Pregny. M. Gillon continued to talk earnestly in the public lounge of the hotel with M. Eyskens.

All comment on the progress or substance of the talks was

Britain To Ease Up

Washington, Mar. 15.—Britain has agreed to ease up on her plan to cut drastically dollar oil imports to the Sterling Area, Mr. Tom Connolly, Senator and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today.

Senator Connolly said that E.C.A. officials told him that the British Government "have modified their stand"—Reuter.



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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Telegraph Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

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SURVIVORS TO SEARCH TRUCULENT

Sheerness, Kent, Mar. 15.—New efforts will be made tomorrow to find out how many bodies still remain in the British submarine 'Truculent' which sank in the Thames Estuary in January with the loss of 64 lives.

Three survivors volunteered today to board the raised vessel to identify any bodies still in the wreckage.

The battered hull, lifted yesterday from the bottom of the Estuary, was today on a sand-bank near here.

The Admiralty plan to lift her again at high water tomorrow and re-bear her at a slightly higher position on the sea bed.

Salvage experts had hoped to go aboard at low water today but it was found that the hull was more extensively damaged than was at first thought.

When the 'Truculent' has been re-bearched the gash on her side, caused by a collision with the Swedish tanker Divina immediately before her death dive, will have to be patched before the water can be pumped out.

The leader of a party of five volunteers from the submarine service, wearing breathing apparatus and carrying white mice and a miner's lamp to test for foul air, will then go aboard. They will bring out the remaining bodies, documents, stores and personal effects.—Reuter.

Hush-Hush Defence Conference

Ottawa, Mar. 15.—A hush-hush defence conference, attended by Canadian United States and British experts in radar, gas, Arctic, psychological and other forms of warfare, opened here today.

The conference, which was sponsored by the Canadian Defence Department's Research Board, was launched under such stringent secrecy precautions that no one would even say where it was being held.—Reuter.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

LESSON HAND

Remembering Cards
Is the Key to N.T.

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THIS is the fourth of a series of hands taken from an article written by Mr. I. T. Sun in the December issue of The Bridge World.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Sun on the radio some time ago, at which time we discussed the fact that it was the Chinese who invented paper.

The first playing cards were money-derived cards. In other words, the Chinese made paper money and played cards with it. They soon discovered that it was not so easy to make cards.

Lesson Hand—Neither vul.
South West North East
2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass
Opening—A 3 10

commemorating the money. They were a long but very narrow card.

I assure you that the Chinese people play their cards very well, as is demonstrated by the play in today's hand.

West opened the three of spades and declarer held off the spade until the third lead. His next play was the ten of diamonds. West put on the four and dummy the deuce.

It was not necessary to make five diamond tricks, but declarer wanted to assure four diamond tricks. He was hoping that if East held four diamonds to the jack he would make the mistake of winning the ten-spot, but East played the three.

Now declarer attempted to establish the jack of clubs as an entry to dummy. He led the four of clubs and East won the jack with the queen. He returned a club which was won by declarer with the ace.

The ace of diamonds, the king of clubs and the ace and king of hearts were cashed, bringing the situation down as underlined.

Declarer led the queen of diamonds. West could not discard a spade because declarer would overtake the diamond in dummy and play the good diamonds. He could not discard the ten of clubs, as declarer would hold the trick and win the next trick with the seven of clubs.

So West let go of the queen of hearts, whereupon declarer held the trick and then led the deuce of hearts. East had to win the trick and lead from his jack-eight of diamonds into dummy's king-nine.

INTERLUDE

DOWNING STREET

By T. O. HARE

A KNIGHT of spectators in Downing Street was watching members of the Cabinet as they arrived for a critical meeting.

"Who's that?" asked my neighbour carrying a rolled umbrella, rang the bell at No. 10, and the Minister of Morale?

"Quite right," said the second spectator. "The Minister of Morale is the one who doesn't get the first of these speakers makes a point of telling the truth three times out of four. The second tells the truth four times out of five."

What is the probability that the gentleman in question was in fact the Minister of Morale?

(Solution on Page 3)

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the author of "Foray" saga.
2. Name the poet who was referred to as "Renaissance"?
3. The cities of Delft (Holland), Dresden (Germany) and Lemoges (France) are famous for the manufacture of what product?
4. What organ of the body controls our equilibrium?
5. Is an igloo a baby or a house?
6. Is an escalator a moving stairway or a fire extinguisher?

(Answers on Page 3)

DUMB BELLS

WANT A JOB? WHAT I NEED IS RIGHT HAND MAN!
JUST MY BAD LUCK I'M LEFT HANDED



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

If you are born today, you have an exceptionally keen, analytical mind. You are a born executive. On the other hand, you are kindly, sympathetic and understanding of those who may differ from your opinions. You never may change your own, but you firmly believe that each individual has the same right to think for himself as you have. This is one of your valuable capabilities and should see you far in your chosen profession.

You are able to adapt yourself to changing conditions and you know how to adjust affairs so that they meet necessary requirements. You have a strong sense of duty to your fellowman and your sincerity will make you popular wherever you go.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A day in which you should demonstrate your particular talents. Get what you want out of life now.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—If you do your good deed today, it will be returned in kind and perhaps manifold. Be thoughtful of others.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Moodiness may need strong control today. It is still a good time for you.

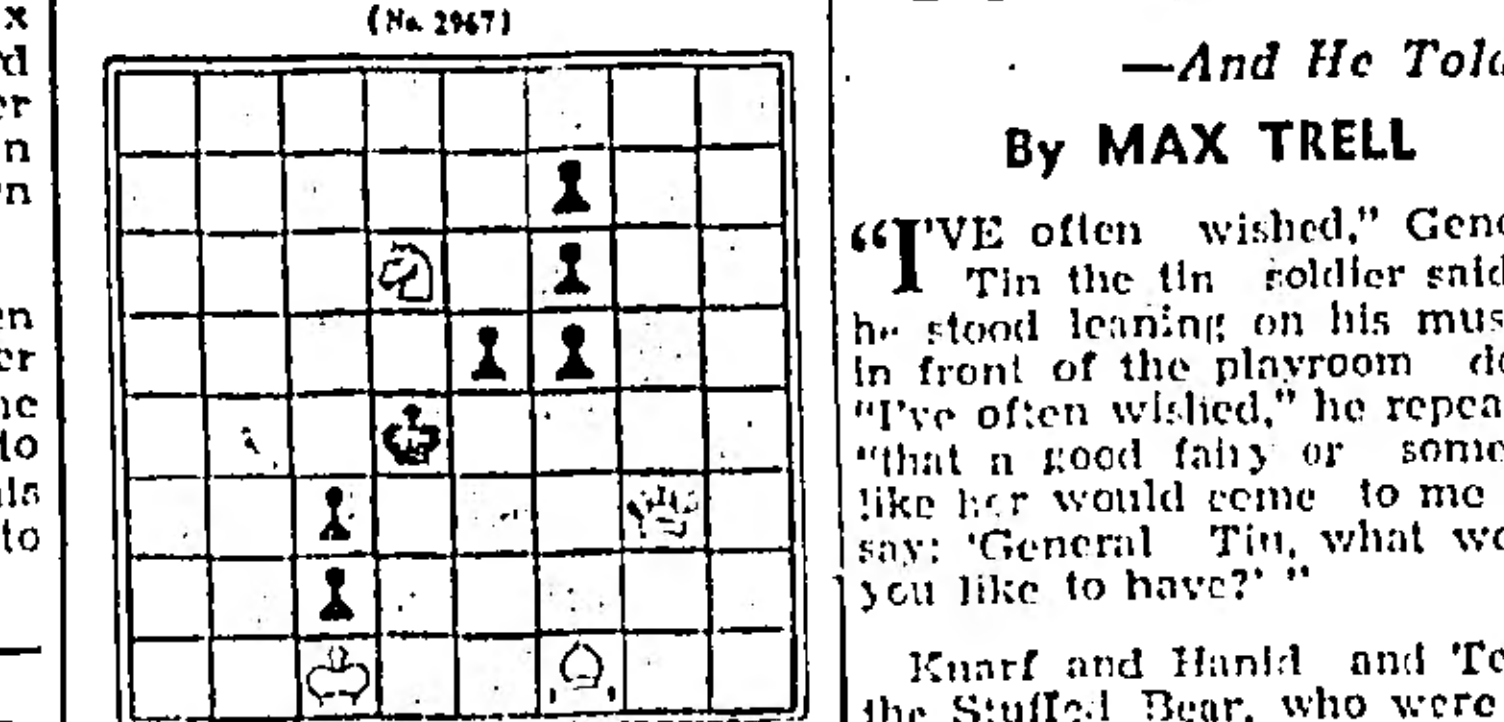
GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Business as well as social and romantic affairs are prominent. Combine all activities for good results.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Your family is important. Write a neglected letter, perhaps. Or, if you can, pay a visit to distant kin.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you are beneficiary in an estate, this may be the day you receive your inheritance.

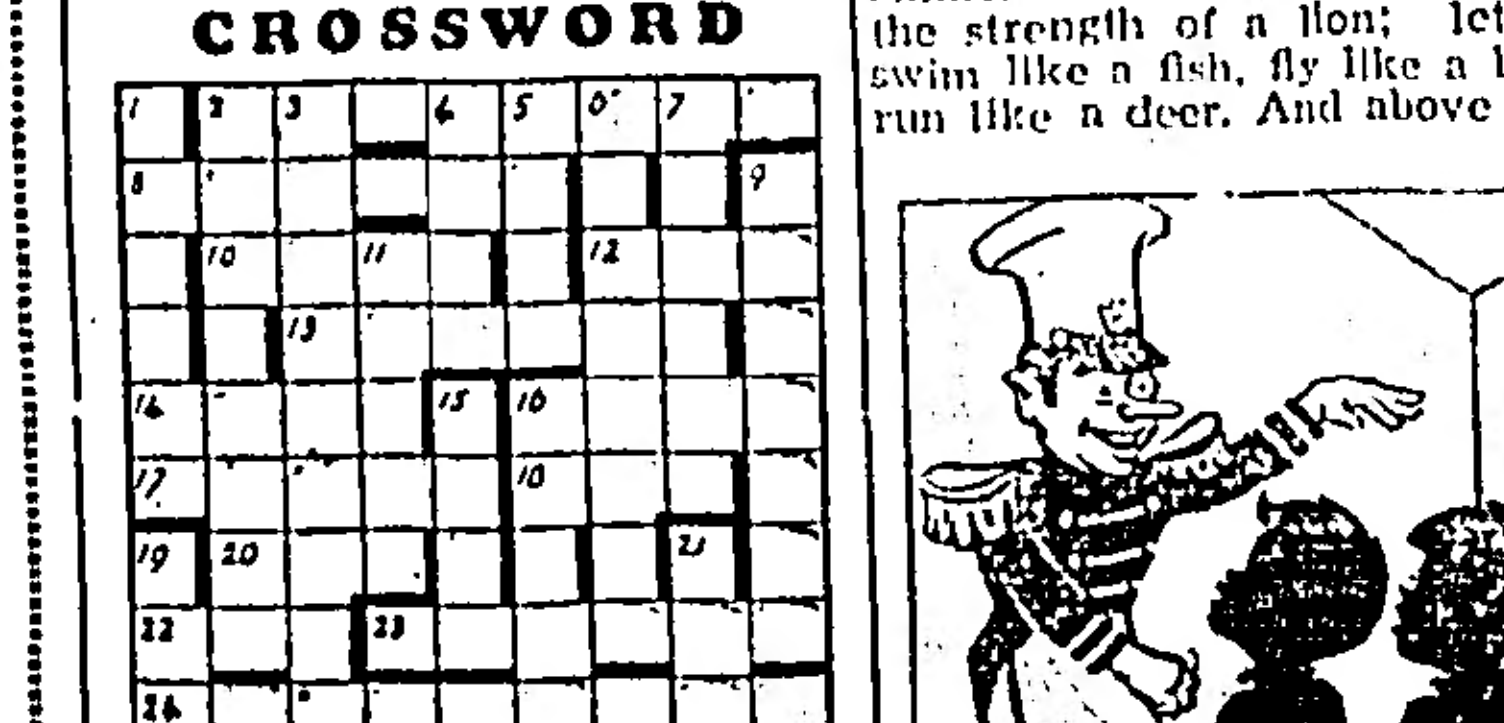
CHESSE PROBLEM

By L. PROKES
Black, 7 pieces.
(No. 2467)



White, 4 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-Q6, mat; 2. Q, R, B, K, or P (dis ch) Q's.

CROSSWORD



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RECORDED MUSIC

DISCS WILL BE MADE IN THREE SPEEDS

By DAVID C. WHITNEY

THE "record war" of last year between the big record makers, concerning whether 45 or 33 1/3 rpm should be the proper speed for microgroove records, appears to have settled down to the point now where disc collectors must conclude that they are going to have to live with both speeds, as well as the old 78 rpm, for some time to come.

All the big companies are now putting out their records in at least two speeds and some in all three.

M-G-M records was the latest to fall into line, announcing that it will release albums recorded on 33 1/3 long-playing discs.

Shortly before the M-G-M announcement, RCA Victor had announced it would begin releasing records on the 33 1/3 speed, as well as continuing releases on 45 and 78 rpm.

Columbia is planning an intensified campaign to convert more collectors to the 7-in 33 1/3 size for popular discs.

Capitol already makes all three speeds and Decca makes 78 and 33 1/3 rpm sizes, saying it will make 45's if the demand for that size increases.

Good New Singles

Eddie Heywood has a pair of excellent piano solos on "Trees" and "Bebe" (London).

Tommy Dorsey's latest are "Nice to Know You Care" and "Puddle Wump" (RCA Victor).

Russ Case's orchestra with "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and "The Little Gray House" (M-G-M).

Vincent Lopez's band has a pair of very danceable tunes in "In Santiago by the Sea" and "Here Comes That Mood" (Columbia).

Jo Stafford sings "Fools Rush In" and "Just One of Those Things" (Capitol).

Johnny Bradford, with snoring accompaniment, has an over-cute novelty, "The Sleeping Song" (RCA Victor).

Ralph Young sings "Sorry" and "Roses and Wine" (London).

Shep Fields's Rippling Rhythm is heard on "Last Week's Kisses" and "He Kind and Make Me Love You" (Capitol).

Hurricane and his Kings of Dixieland instrumentalize "Bourbon Street Bounce" and "Pizz Pic Boogie" (Capitol).

Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra on "I'll Hold You" and "Lost in a Dream" (Columbia).

(Tomorrow—Unusual Angles)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

NEWS of a radio-alarm which will wake you with music instead of with a bell will probably send music-lovers into raptures of delight.

For those who hate music—by which I mean what passes for music today—there might be an ally voice to shout at hourly intervals throughout the night: "Four more hours before getting up... three more hours... two more hours... one more hour... GOOD-NIGHT evahbody!"

Later on this voice may be accompanied by television, so that you can actually see the kind gentleman who is waking you to tell you that you are having a good sleep. And a murrain on you all!

A curious case

"AND what," asked Dr. Ravensfoot-Moodle, as he wiped a thermometer on his breeches and then breathed on it, "And what seems to be the trouble?"

"Every time I blink," replied the patient, "my shoes fall with sand."

The doctor rubbed his chin meditatively with the thermometer.

"Have you tried not blinking?" he asked.

"Why, no," said the patient. "One must blink."

"Then, evidently, one must risk having one's shoes filled with sand. Do you live in a desert, by any chance?"

"No, I live in Birmingham."

"Then where do you get the sand?"

"That's just it," said the patient eagerly.

Snibbo does it again

"SOUNDS to me like sabullus," said the doctor. "Take one of these pills. And out came our old friend the Snibbo bottle."

The patient swallowed the pill blinking hard.

"You do blink a lot," said Moodle. "Now, don't spill the sand on the carpet."

The patient gingerly removed his shoes.

"What! No sand?" cried the doctor.

"Amazing!" said the patient. "Not a grain of sand. I'm cured! Doctor, I can never thank you enough. Let me have a dozen bottles of these pills."

Behind the arras two Directors of Snibbo Ltd. shook hands.

—London Express Service.

RUBBISH AND NONSENSE!

How Britain Refers To Policy Rumours

London, Mar. 15.—A British Treasury official tonight described reports as "nonsense" from Washington that Britain had asked the United States to guarantee her against gold and dollar losses resulting from British participation in the projected European Payments Union.

It is well known that Britain wants to delay the time and reduce the amount of gold and dollar settlements under the scheme. But this could hardly be described as asking for an American guarantee.

Since Britain has achieved an overall export surplus with the world as a whole and particularly with continental countries of the Organisation for European Economic Co-Operation, which would be in the European Payments Union, she stands to gain from the Union more than the \$100,000,000 which would be deducted from her share of Marshall Aid to form the reserve fund of the Union. Certainly, she should not gain less from it.

A Paris report that Britain's accession to the Union might cause another devaluation of Sterling was described by some London Bankers as "nonsense". At Sterling's present devalued rate, the present dollar price of the pound is the cheapest supplier of many exports, including the vitally important steel.

STERLING PRESSURE

There was ample evidence that Sterling is putting pressure on many countries. Some of them who thought they had sterling to burn have instead found themselves running short of it.

Washington reports that Europe might have to form a discriminatory bloc against America. Trade was also regarded as out of taste.

It can be demonstrated from trade and Marshall statistics that the world's dollar gap is closing. From the beginning of the year the world has certainly had a surplus of dollars. This is self-evident.

Britain's gold and dollar reserves has continued to rise strongly.—Reuter.

Rapid Rise In Tin Prices In London

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Tin prices are soaring. The three months quotation went up another £4 per ton today, making a total rise of £10 in the last two days business, and causing the backwardation—the difference in price between cash and tin for delivery in three months—to be narrow to the point of disappearance.

In turnover of a hundred tons, cash tin went up slightly to £599½ to £600 and three months went up £4 to £598½ to £599.

Settlement was up five shillings at £599½.

The reason for this steady rise in three months tin is the abolition of the fixed selling price by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which now makes it profitable for American consumers to buy abroad.

I understand there is now considerable American demand for the commodity.

Japan May Trade With Peking Regime

Washington, Mar. 15.—The American occupation authorities will permit Japan to trade freely with Communist China, the State Department disclosed today.

The only restriction on Japanese exports to the Chinese mainland will be that they do not include goods of direct military value.

The State Department declined to confirm a report that a director of Japanese trade had gone to General MacArthur advising him to set up controls on Japanese goods of potential military value.

However, the statement that the same principle governing American export policy were applied to Japanese trade indicated that there might be some basis for the report.

The Chinese mainland, now under Communist control, was Japan's most important export market before the war. Today, that trade is reduced almost to a trickle.

Many Far Eastern experts have long contended that Japan cannot become economically independent until she regains at least some of her former markets on the Asiatic mainland.—Reuter.

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Closing rates
Canada (dollar) ... US\$0.96-5/16
England—official ... 2.48-3/16
unofficial ... 2.48-1/2
unofficial ... 2.48 asked

30-day futures ... 2.48 1/2
60-day futures ... 2.48 1/2
Australia (pound) ... 2.48 1/2
New Zealand (pound) ... 2.48 1/2
South Africa (pound) ... 2.

Bevin Answers Questions On Arms And Oil

London, Mar. 15. — Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, deprecated the linking in Parliament today of the British supply of arms in Iraq with the question of reopening the Haifa-Iraq pipeline.

"It would be far better if Members wanting an answer about the pipeline would ask questions about the pipeline and not about the supply of arms to Iraq," he said.

Mr Somerset de Chair, Conservative, had urged him, in view of Britain's intimate treaty relationship with Iraq, to discuss this question "because the mere hostility of the Arab League towards Israel cannot for ever close the supply of oil from Kirkuk to Haifa."

A Labour Member, Mr Woodrow Wyatt, asked whether Britain had obtained any understanding from Iraq about reopening the pipeline before recently supplying her with arms.

Mr Bevin replied: "No. Any arms supplied to Iraq by the British Government are in fulfillment of our obligations under the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty."

He said he had discussed the question with every Arab country concerned, including Iraq, and the feeling was "very intense."

OUTPOST LOST

Mr Bevin did not reply when a Labour Member, Mr Ian Mikardo, asked if the British taxpayer must go on indefinitely paying for arms to go to Iraq that were used to prevent the British from getting sterling oil.

The pipeline has been closed since the Palestine war, causing the loss of an annual output of about 4,000,000 tons of oil for the sterling area.

The Iraqi Prime Minister, Nuzhatin Amin, Pacha, said last December that Iraq would refuse to reopen the pipeline until the Palestine problem was solved.—Reuter.

REFINERIES CLOSE

Haifa, Mar. 15.—Workers in the Anglo-Iraqi Oil Company's refineries here today rejected the Company's dismissal order, and demanded that they be "laid off" when the refineries close down.

This would amount to a holiday with pay while the refineries are running on a caretaker basis pending an increase in the deliveries of crude oil.

The Company announced last month that most of the workers would be dismissed by June 1, only plant maintenance men being retained.

Crude oil formerly reached the refineries by tanker through the Suez Canal and the pipeline from Iraq. Both these channels

INDIA KNOWS COMMUNISTS' ASSAM PLOT

New Delhi, Mar. 15.—

India's Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, replied in the affirmative to a question in the Indian Parliament today whether any Communist plan for dislocating the Government of the Eastern Indian Province of Assam had been discovered.

But he negated the suggestion that there had been an infiltration of Communists from outside India.

The Member who asked the questions had referred Mr Patel to a reported raid on the village of Thiru, near Gahatli, about three weeks ago, in which property was stated to have been looted by the raiders.

Mr Patel said that the raid was organised by a group of the Revolutionary Communist Party of India for the purpose of collecting funds.

He added that the case was still under investigation.—Reuter.

Colliery Under Reconstruction



A general view of Mosley Common colliery, Boothstown, Lancashire, showing a modern pithead. The colliery is being reconstructed, and the completion of half the coal preparation plant marks the end of the first stage of the work. The total cost of reconstruction will be more than £500,000. A minimum of 600 tons of coal will be treated every hour, or working two shifts, 8,000 tons per day.

NSW LABOUR PREMIER NOT TO RESIGN

Sydney, Mar. 15.—Mr James McGirr, New South Wales Labour Premier, tonight changed his mind about resigning as head of the Labour group in the State Parliament.

He had announced his intention to resign in a written statement to the Parliamentary group after the Party's State Executive refused to endorse four of his Parliamentary supporters as Labour candidates in the forthcoming State Election.

But he agreed to retain leadership of the group after a Party caucus had asked him to reconsider his decision.

He became Premier in 1947.

Observers had interpreted his decision to resign as disclosing a serious split in the New South Wales Labour Party, the most powerful branch of the Party in Australia.—Reuter.

COSGROVE'S MOVE

Hobart, Tasmania, Mar. 15.—The Labour Prime Minister, Mr Robert Cosgrove, dissolved the Tasmanian House of Assembly today for on April 1.

He did so after the Assembly Speaker, Mr W. G. Weed, one of three Independents holding the balance of power in the House, had announced his intention to resign.—Reuter.

PROTEST PARADES IN VENICE

Venice, Mar. 15.—Red flags flew in St Mark's Square, in the heart of Venice, today as protesting strikers paraded through the gondola city against yesterday's shooting of five workers by the Italian police.

Strikers' road blocks also paralysed traffic throughout the province, where Communist-led trade unions are staging a 30-hour protest.

The only traffic were the armoured cars manned by steel-helmeted police armed with rifles and machine-guns, grimly patrolling the tense area around the Breda engineering works, where the five men were wounded last night in an angry demonstration against factory dismissals.

This morning the express train from Trieste arrived here an hour late with smashed windows after being stoned by strikers along the line.

All further trains were halted in the area.

Outside Venice, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Prince Mohammed Abdul, was held up and was unable to continue his journey to Switzerland.

Later reports said that the strike had spread through 10 Northern provinces.

In Venice everything was at a standstill, even the gondolas.—Reuter.

Vietminh Radio Denies Report

Paris, Mar. 15.—Vietminh Radio today denied a report that negotiations might soon be opened between the Vietminh leader, Ho Chi-minh, and Bao Dai, head of the Vietnam State, the Agency France Press reported from Saigon.—Reuter.

Shah Declares Strategic Persia Needs U.S. Aid

Karachi, Mar. 15.—The Shah of Persia, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, said here today that if the economies of the Middle East countries could be strengthened, "the formation of an ideological bloc would be easy," according to a Government press note.

Answering 12 questions compiled by a Government-appointed committee, the Shah, who is now on a visit here, was quoted as saying that "close sentimental ties" existed between the countries of the Middle East, but they had to be "cemented by some materialistic ideas."

Referring to Marshall Aid and the Point Four plan for aid to under-developed areas (outlined in Point Four of President Truman's inaugural address in January 1949), the Shah said that Persia in the past had been a "proud country and had begged help from nobody."

"Now we cannot be prouder than Britain, France and the other great nations."

"My country is in one of the most strategic positions in the world," the Shah said. "That is why the prosperity of Persia is important to world problems."

It remains for the United States to decide which way she is able to extend help to my country."

VERY IMPRESSED

The Shah, who returned here yesterday from a tour of East and West Pakistan, said he was very impressed that in the short period of Pakistan's history, "this nation has been able to muster such military might. It is encouraging and gratifying to see that this neighbouring and brotherly country has such an outstanding military force at its command."

In an address to the Pakistan Parliament today, the Shah said that during his tour he had particularly admired the discipline, health, technique and equipment of the Pakistan Navy, Army and Air Force.

He said that since Pakistan and Persia had similar beliefs and a similar creed, "it will be perfectly logical to state that both of them will stand united to maintain peace in this part of the world."

The Shah appealed in his address to the Big Powers to "come to the relief of the smaller ones and avert this state of poverty and its evil consequences."

The Shah is leaving for home tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

CURFEW LIFTED

Bombay, Mar. 15.—The curfew has been lifted in all areas of Bombay, and the city is normal again after two days of stringent police precautions against "potential trouble."

The police today arrested 24 people—two of whom were carrying lethal weapons—bringing the total number of arrests so far to 204.—Reuter.

Students To Grow Food

San Francisco, Mar. 15.—The Chinese Communists are going all out to produce their own food, Peking Radio indicated tonight.

Apart from assigning army personnel to work on the lands they have now supported "a productive work." They have obtained 200 acres of land outside the city as well as Municipal Government loans for the purchase of seeds, implements and fertilisers.—Reuter.

MINDSZENTY AILING IN PRISON

Vatican City, Mar. 15.—The well-informed Catholic news agency, Ari, said today that the health of Hungary's imprisoned Catholic Primate, Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, had grown worse recently.

The agency said the Cardinal was suffering from Basedow's disease, a goitre ailment which causes protruding eyeballs and accompanying spells of delirium.

The illness was caused by "strong drugs administered to make him declare things contrary to his conscience," Ari said.

The agency said the Cardinal was in the hospital of a Budapest prison, and that the Communist Hungarian government had refused the Hungarian episcopate information on his condition.

Ari said: "It is believed that the Hungarian Government feels the Cardinal may die in prison, and has already attempted to cure him by sending him to the mountains of Slovakia, but now has decided to try a new cure in the prison hospital."

The Cardinal was sentenced to a life term on anti-State charges.—United Press.

REPORT DENIED

Buenos Aires, Mar. 15.—An American radio correspondent's report that Monsignor Gerald O'Hara, the Papal Nuncio in Argentina, would soon be arrested on espionage charges, was described here today as without foundation.

The ABC correspondent in Rome claimed his information came from "the most reliable sources" at the Vatican.

Monsignor O'Hara is occupying his palace as usual.

According to a Reuter message from New York, the ABC correspondent in Rome reported his night that, according to the Rumanian Government, three runs had confessed to spying for the Vatican and the United States. The Government alleged that they had implicated Bishop O'Hara, he said.—Reuter.

USSR Envoy To Pakistan

Peshawar, Mar. 15.—M. Alexander G. Stetsenko, the first Russian Ambassador to Pakistan, arrived in Peshawar tonight accompanied by his wife and 17 members of his staff.

He had travelled from Russia via Afghanistan. He and his party will leave by train for Karachi tomorrow evening.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST: SOLUTION

Call the two answers A and B. If the same 50 questions are put to them they will both give truthful answers to 15 of them: contradictory answers to seven (three plus four) and untruthful answers to 28. For every 15 times they agree on an answer, it is correct. Hence the odds are 22 to 1 on that it actually uses the solution.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers: 1. John Galsworthy, 2. Ben Jonson, 3. China, 4. The Internal ear, 5. House, 6. Moving stairway.

New Guinea Issue Is Thorny One

Djakarta, Mar. 15.—Indonesian leaders are almost certain to make the future status of Dutch New Guinea one of the questions of discussion when they meet Dutch Ministers at the first conference of the Netherlands-Indonesian Union here on March 25, an official source here said today.

The movement in Indonesia for the inclusion of Dutch New Guinea in the new Republic has grown to such an extent that the Government, which is fighting for popular support, dare not ignore it, this source said.

Informed Dutch and Indonesian sources agreed that unless the Netherlands Government give way on this and other issues a serious split in Union relations may follow.

In fact, they said, high-level representations are being made to have the conference postponed for several months because the present time is considered "too dangerous."

The New Guinea question was due to be settled this year but the Netherlands Government did not expect the matter to be brought up at the initial conference.

It had no objection to putting the matter on the agenda, it was understood, but would rather postpone it to a later date to appoint a Commission to investigate the question.

Well-informed circles here believed that the Netherlands Government was anxious to keep control of New Guinea in order to have a voice in any future defence policy for South-east Asia.—Reuter.

ERITREANS WANT FULL FREEDOM

Asmara, Mar. 15.—The Italo-Eritrean Association today asked the United Nations five-power Commission on Eritrea for an independent Eritrea.

They suggested the highest posts in the Administration of the new State should be reserved for native Eritreans and that Ethiopia should be given access to the Red Sea through a "free zone" at Massawa and Assab.

Failing independence, the Association favoured United Nations trusteeship.

Mr Asfaha Wolde Michael, Vice-President of the Eritrean Association of Ethiopia, who claimed to represent 192,000 Eritreans living in the country, declared that they all wanted annexation by Ethiopia.

The Commission—on which Pakistan, Burma, South Africa, Guatemala, and Norway are present—is to propose a solution for Italy's former Red Sea colony, which has been under British administration since its capture in the early stages of the war.—Reuter.

DEFENCE PLAN STILL LACKING

London, Mar. 15.—Difficulties about the financing and co-ordination of Brussels Pact military defence plans lie behind the decision to hold a joint meeting of the Foreign Ministers, Defence Ministers and Finance Ministers in the middle of next month, it was learned from a usually reliable source in London today.

These were the difficulties referred to by the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, in Paris yesterday.

M. Schuman was reported to have said that the Brussels Pact powers still lacked a common defence plan and arms programme, and arrangements for paying contributions to common expenses were understood to be still incomplete and unsatisfactory.

Precise dates for the enlarged Western Union Council meeting are still not fixed, but it is thought likely to take place on April 14 or 15 in Brussels.

A Foreign Office spokesman today denied reports that Brussels Pact problems had been discussed by Mr Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Secretary, and M. Schuman during last week's State visit to London of the French President, M. Vincent Auriol.—Reuter.

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